



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Terrence W. Schmidt

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MISSION MODULE SWAPPING IN A VESSEL

Serial No.: 10/712,987 Confirmation No.: 7342

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Examiner: Olson, Lars A. Group Art Unit: 3617

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

December 14, 2006

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Notice of Allowability in this case mailed September 21, 2006, the Applicant, acting through his attorney, comments as follows. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing the claims. But the Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and respectfully submits that the claims may be allowable for other reasons.

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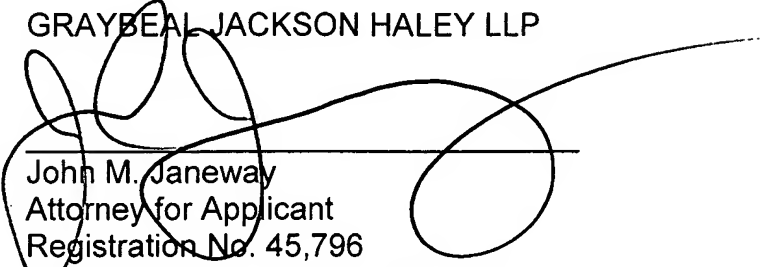
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If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is
respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, John M. Janeway, at
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DATED this 14th day of December, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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